

A photograph of a forest floor with sunlight filtering through the trees. In the foreground, there are several large, rectangular concrete blocks or logs lying on the ground, partially covered by green plants and fallen leaves. The text 'Eco+ practice' is overlaid in white.

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# What we have done to our home

Human impact on climate change  
In the past, climate change has been slow, but we are currently in a period of rapid warming. As a result of human activity, huge amounts of greenhouse gases enter the atmosphere, which intensifies the greenhouse effect and global warming. People are increasingly influencing the climate and temperature of the earth by burning fossil fuels, cutting down forests and seeing livestock. Trees help regulate the climate by absorbing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere. When they are cut off, the beneficial effect is lost and the carbon stored in them is released into the atmosphere, intensifying the greenhouse effect. However, flexible mechanisms cannot replace national efforts to compensate for and mitigate climate change. The meat farming sector is responsible for 18% of greenhouse gas emissions related to global warming. The assessment includes deforestation for livestock grazing and fodder production for farm animals worldwide. The planet is getting hotter and hotter and will continue if we do not change our behavior. With so many emissions absorbed by trees and oceans, how much more can we tolerate

By Lina Graklyanova and Bobby Kehayov



By AFP-JIJI (Japan Times)



# Think about your actions!!!

By Martina Tothova

It goes without saying that our planet is not on a good path for sustaining life as we know it nowadays, thanks to the selfish choices and actions we make daily. Putting comfort above anything else is not only ruining our health but also devastating the nature around us. Take, for example, our excessive usage of fossils fuels - because we are lazy to use a bike or take a walk, contributes to our carbon footprint being even bigger, or our plastics consumption, which is, unfortunately, killing whole sea life and also making one huge dump out of our planet.

The problem is, that global warming is not only the excessive temperatures we experience in the summer or the greenhouse effect everyone is speaking about, but even worse is the deforestation of the natural habitats of many animals. Not to mention, acid rains, water pollutions, illnesses, and poor living conditions in developing countries with almost no access to drinking water, which create only a fraction of the negative impacts.



By Rotary Club of Manchester

What is more, due to the extremely hot climate, many people are not able to harvest - since if there is no water, there are no crops to gather - which results in whole families dying from hunger.

I know, that governments are trying to stop or at least slow down the tremendous effects of global warming. Nonetheless, it all starts with us – ordinary people. Since we are consumers, we have the ability to move the market forces and decide which products are worthwhile for the companies to produce. Sadly, we enjoy cheap plastic that is easy to carry around, that is why producers use it whenever they can, but yet do not bother to recycle it, simply because it will not be that profitable. Indeed, there are three magical words – reuse, reduce and recycle, which are very easy to apply in everyday life. However, I strongly believe there is still time for a chance, but it must start now. Supporting small local eco-friendly businesses is in my humble opinion, a great way to start. I often think about the saying, which represents this project quite nicely – “No one can do everything, but everyone can do something,” because it briefly shows that only together, we can beat this problem.



# Involving the inhabitants in art as a way to make them take consciousness



Written by: J. Rodríguez-Caballero

Reflecting on the severe climate and identity crisis that humanity suffers, we need to do little big actions to ensure that people can learn to re-discover their local customs and nature because both are intimately connected.

So, to check the effectiveness of pedagogy we have performed a set of artistic experiences to point out relevance in the context of the Huerta de Murcia, in Southeast Spain, and value the importance of increasing the resilience of the local community. Its ethnographic and environmental peculiarities are in danger by different factors such as urban speculation,

demographic evolution, and the hyper-mechanization of traditional irrigation systems, which breaks the water cycle in the riverbanks of the Segura River.

**“Its ethnographic and environmental peculiarities are in danger by different factors...”.**

It is also a desert zone that needs to use water cautiously. Also for that, we have to use it in the areas in which water is a renewable resource, like near to rivers.

Implementing contextual art methodologies and carrying out a bibliography review of various

disciplines, we have collaborated with the Heritage Workshop “Aljucer, the legacy of water” as a mode to involve the inhabitants of the district in the mapping of their irrigation ditches, called acequias, from different points of view. In this way, we can reactivate generational transmission around the interest in Huerta's culture and the care of the green-blue infrastructure that the acequias and their associated knowledge. It has been collected and reflected on platforms accessible to citizens like Google Maps and the website of the mentioned workshop.

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By Ulyana Hliabtsova

The global goal 8 of the UN calls for decent work and sustainable economic growth. At the same time to the global goals belong clear water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production, climate action, life below water and life on land. So what can we do to unite all of that goals and create a sustainable future, both from an economical and an ecological point of view?



One of the solutions would be creating more green jobs. Let us take a short look to the interesting professions that help to protect the environment, and spoiler: there are not only ecologists.

## 1. Urbane Farmer or City farmer:

Planting a tomato on the roof? Or even building special garden floors in new skyscrapers? This is a future of our metropolitans, growing so fast on very small pieces of land, that it's getting very complicated to provide everyone with food and water. This type of agriculture has many advantages, such as energy savings, increased biodiversity in the urban area, better nutrient cycles and greater control of the microclimate.

By Stefano Boeri Architetti



## 2. Renewable Energy Ingenieur:

We need to break away from fossil fuels, and for that we first of all need people who design and build solar panels and wind turbines to generate electricity.

## 3. Green designers and artists:

The creative economy plays a huge role in transforming our working lives. Be it the sustainable fashion designers who make clothes from recycled materials or use vegan leather, or the artists who collect thousands of plastic waste to create their works.

In the field of eco-architecture, buildings are designed that pollute the environment as little as possible. Instead of clearing land to build new houses, existing living spaces can be improved in a green way. Imagine buildings nestled in trees, grass on roofs to retain heat, or a home with entirely recycled furniture.

## 4. Consultant for sustainability:

Not only Ingenieurs are needed for sustainable future, also people with business- and project management skills can contribute to make companies greener. They will be experts in reducing company's carbon footprint, waste amount and water consumption, will carry out a complete environmental impact assessment.

## 5. Environmental scientist:

The effects of the climate crisis can already be felt all over the world. Scientists who can estimate, predict and document the damage caused by global warming will be of vital importance to humanity in the years to come.

# Save the planet!

Because...

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Clue n. 2: Can we live in Mars? (Irony).

Clue n. 3: We are in the planet A, so...

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